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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/601,391	LEYDEN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Guiyoung Lee	2875	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 12/12/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11, 13-24, 26-30 and 32-35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Prelim./Amdt.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the amendment filed 12/12/2005.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-11, 13-24, 26-30 and 32-35 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: With regard to independent claims 1, 4-6, 13, 15, 18-21, 24, 27, 30 and 32-35, although the prior art of record, Blum et al. (US 6,982,649 B2), discloses a message system having a wall, a message generator and a proximity sensor, Blum fails to disclose the wall as set forth in the independent claims above. Applicant defines the wall as "a wall having opposite first and second sides comprising a mirrored surface which is capable of producing a discernible, reflective image of an object placed at the first side of the wall or a blocking surface which substantially obstructs viewing of an object at the second side of the wall through the wall from the first side of the wall" in all the independent claims. Applicant further defines the message generator as "the message generator capable of making a message viewable from the first side of the wall through at least a part of the wall" or "the message generator in the first state causing a first message to be viewable at the wall from the first side of the wall" in the claims. No other prior art teaches the limitations above in combination. Claims 2-3, 7-11, 14, 16-17, 22-23, 26, and 28-29 depend from claims 1, 13 and 20-21. Therefore, claims 1, 4-6, 13, 15, 18-21, 24, 27, 30, and 32-35 are patentable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Blum et al. (US 6,982,649 B2) discloses a message system having a display wall, a message generator and a proximate sensor.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Guiyoung Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-2374. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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